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Medical Sociology. By J. P. WARBASSE, M.D. New York: Appleton & Co., 1909. 8vo, pp. xvii+355.

It was not a happy choice that gave this book its name. We find it not a treatise nor an ordered study, but simply a collection of fragments of the thought of a physician whose earnest interest in the social mission of the knowledge which we are wont to call medical his pages clearly reveal. Some of these fragments were originally editorial paragraphs in a medical journal: all may be said to be in the manner of the paragrapher rather than the essayist. From this cause the book fails of the appeal which it might have had. Yet it is sincere, and often suggestively phrased, within its limitations; and perhaps it will carry its message to those whose need is to be set to thinking rather than sustained in their thought on the physical foundations of social welfare.

Proceedings of a Conference of Governors in the White House, Washington, D. C., May 13-15, 1908. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1909. 4to, pp. xxxvii+451.

A complete verbatim report of the proceedings of the important conference called by President Roosevelt to consider the question of the conservation of our natural resources is here made available. Some of the speeches are of permanent value, and if one has the patience to search he may learn many important facts from their perusal. But the more essential and important results of the conference are to be found in the crystallizing of public opinion and the impetus to action consequent upon the gathering, rather than in the record of the speeches there delivered.

Our Foreign Service. The "A B C" of American Diplomacy. By FREDERICK VAN DYNE. Rochester, N. Y.: The Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Co., 1909. 8vo, pp. ix+316. \$2.50.

The Government has recently given evidence of a desire to induce young men of proficiency to enter the consular and diplomatic service for a career. This book is evidently intended to afford the individual who is thinking of or is about to enter upon such a career the necessary general information as to the prospects open and the nature of the work and duties involved, as well as suggestions and general rules for guidance in carrying out those duties. For such purposes it is well adapted, having the advantage of being written by a man of experience in this service.

Fallacies of Protection. By FREDERIC BASTIAT. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1909. 8vo, pp. viii+230. \$1.00.

A reprint of Stirling's translation of the brilliant and famous *Sophismes économiques*, with the exception of four or five chapters not directly relevant to the subject of protection. Prime Minister Asquith's Introductory Note remarks that: "there is no writer of that time [the Cobdenite era] whose reasoning and